

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON COMMERCE**

**Tuesday, December 6, 2005**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Room 519, House Office Building**

**Chair Huizenga** called the Standing Committee on Commerce to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Reps. Huizenga, Baxter, Emmons, Palsrok, Wenke, Green, Hildenbrand, Jones, David Law, Marleau, Pavlov, Schuitmaker, Meisner, Tobocman, Murphy, Dillon, Bennett, Accavitti (18/19)

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Rep. McConico (1/19)

**Representative Jones**, supported by **Representative Palsrok**, moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on November 29, 2005. Hearing no objection, the **motion prevailed** with unanimous consent.

A presentation on the 2006 North American International Auto Show and its economic impact on Michigan was given by **Rod Albert** and **Doug Fox**, representing the Detroit Auto Dealers Association. Questions and discussion followed.

The Chair laid **House Bill 5471** before the committee.

HB 5471      Hildenbrand   Economic development; other; economic opportunity zone in brownfield redevelopment financing act; create

**Representative Hildenbrand** explained the intent of the bill and a proposed **Substitute (H-1)**.

**Cathy Vander Meulen**, City Manager of Walker, MI, testified in **support** of the bill.

**Merle Emery**, representing Grand Rapids Spring and Stamping, testified in **support** of the bill and answered questions.

**Jack Buchanan**, representing Blue Bridge Ventures, testified in **support** of the bill and answered questions.

**Jared Rodriguez**, representing the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce, testified in **support** of the bill.

**Don Stypuka**, representing the Grand Valley Metro Council, submitted a testimony card in **support** of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

**James McBryde**, representing the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, submitted a testimony card indicating a **neutral** position on the bill, but did not wish to speak.

**Representative Pavlov**, supported by **Representative Schuitmaker**, moved to adopt **Substitute (H-1)** to **House Bill 5471**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Huizenga, Baxter, Emmons, Palsrok, Wenke, Green, Hildenbrand, Jones, David Law, Marleau, Pavlov, Schuitmaker, Meisner, Tobocman, Murphy, Dillon, Bennett, Accavitti (18/19)

**NAYS:** None (0/19)

**PASS:** None (0/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

**Representative Jones**, supported by **Representative Accavitti**, moved to report **House Bill 5471**, with recommendation, as **Substitute (H-1)**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Huizenga, Baxter, Emmons, Palsrok, Wenke, Green, Hildenbrand, Jones, David Law, Marleau, Pavlov, Schuitmaker, Meisner, Tobocman, Murphy, Dillon, Bennett, Accavitti (18/19)

**NAYS:** None (0/19)

**PASS:** None (0/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

**Representative Marleau**, supported by **Representative Pavlov**, moved to excuse absent members. Hearing no objection, **Chair Huizenga** excused **Representative McConico**.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **12:00 p.m.**

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**Representative Bill Huizenga, Chair**

Jean Hamelin, Committee Clerk  
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